

# Mineral King Ranger Programs

June 10-12

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon  
National Parks



	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>As the Bears Emerge</b>		5:00 PM	
<b>Hidden in the Dark</b>		7:30 PM	
<b>Tremendous Trees, Invaluable Forests</b>			10:00 AM
<b>When Marmots Attack</b>	5:00PM		
<b>Above the Snowline</b>		10:00AM	

## RANGER WALKS

### Hidden in the Dark

Flying squirrels are elusive to humans, but play a vital role in mixed conifer forests. During this evening stroll realize how a squirrel's relationship to a hidden forest treasure supports an ecosystem.

*Meet at the Atwell Mill Campground Entrance Sign (1 hour)*

### Tremendous Trees, Invaluable Forests

Atwell Mill is the only campground in the parks where one can sleep under the largest trees in the world. Learn to identify the Giant Sequoia and its neighbors while discovering the history of the old mill.

*Meet at the Atwell Campground Entrance Sign (1 hour)*

### Above the Snowline

Snowfalls have shaped the Mineral King Valley across the centuries. Living in a glacial valley characterized by avalanches, ice and heavy snowfalls, the plants and animals of the Sierra Nevada have adapted to the harsh conditions, allowing them to bounce back spring after spring. Bring plenty of water and wear sturdy warm shoes.

*Meet at the Mineral King Ranger Station (1 hour and 15 minutes)*

## RANGER TALKS

### As Bears Emerge

The end of winter at Mineral King brings local black bears out of hibernation, cubs in tow, in search of food to replace fat lost over the winter. Learn what it's like to see the world as a bear does, as a richly scented menu where every action is in pursuit of the next meal.

*Atwell Mill Campground Entrance Sign (20 minutes)*

### When Marmots Attack

Yes! Marmots will feast on your vehicle. Come discover how to protect the delicacies that lay underneath the hood of your car and why marmots find them so delicious.

*Ranger Station (20 minutes)*